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WHEREAS, Arthritis severely afflicts more than 20 million, or one in ten, Americans of all ages, including 250,000 children, who suffer from the pain and crippling effects of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, In South Dakota alone 66,000 people are victims of arthritis; and,

WHEREAS, Arthritis costs nearly \$13 billion annually, including lost income and payment for medical care; and,

WHEREAS, Although advances in medical science have enabled arthritis victims to receive more effective treatment, over eighty per cent of the arthritis population does not receive medical care; and,

WHEREAS, Dakota Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is seeking to improve its medical program by expanding scientific research, upgrading treatment facilities and developing new ways to prevent and alleviate arthritis disability;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby declare May, 1978, as

ARTHRITIS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to support the Arthritis May Membership Campaign of the Dakota Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Contributions and volunteer services are needed to accelerate advances in the conquest of our Nation's Number One crippling disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST [Signature]

LORNA E. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE